

Report on Celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) at ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal

The *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* (National Unity Day) was celebrated at **ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal** on **31st October 2025**, to commemorate the birth anniversary of *Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel*, the Iron Man of India and the architect of national integration. The event was organized with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour to uphold the spirit of “*Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat*.”

The celebration commenced at **10:00 AM** in the Institute Auditorium with the **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge**, administered to all staff members and students by the Acting Director **Dr. H. V. Murugkar, Principal Scientist**, reaffirming their dedication to the unity, integrity, and security of the nation.

Following the pledge, **Dr. Sandeep Bhatia, Principal Scientist**, delivered an inspiring **lecture on the theme “Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.”** In his address, Dr. Bhatia highlighted how India’s strength lies in its unity amidst diversity and underscored the historic contribution of *Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel* in unifying the princely states into one nation. He also connected the concept of unity to the collaborative scientific spirit within ICAR and emphasized that national excellence (“Shreshtha Bharat”) can only be achieved through collective responsibility, cooperation, and mutual respect.

To further enrich the understanding of the theme, a **documentary film titled “एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत | सेवा समर्पण”** was screened. The film showcased the cultural, linguistic, and geographic diversity of India while emphasizing the essence of national integration and the role of citizens in strengthening unity and social harmony.

Unity Run / Walk for Unity

After the lecture and film screening, all participants assembled near the **Administrative Building** for the **Unity Run / Walk for Unity**. The event was flagged off by the Acting Director **Dr. H. V. Murugkar** in the presence of the staff and students. Participants carried placards and banners displaying slogans such as “*Unity in Diversity*,” “*We are One Nation*,” and “*Together for a Stronger India*.” The run covered the main internal roads of the NIHSAD campus, passing by the laboratory blocks, residential area, and main gate, symbolizing the institute’s commitment to harmony, cooperation, and teamwork. The collective spirit and energy of the participants reflected their deep sense of pride in being part of one united India. The Unity Run concluded near the main entrance, where all participants assembled to sing the **National Anthem**, marking a fitting end to the celebration.

The entire program was **coordinated by Dr. Shalini Chakraborty, Principal Scientist**, who ensured smooth organization and enthusiastic participation across all divisions. A large number of scientists, technical, administrative, and supporting staff participated actively in all segments of the program.

The celebration of *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2025* at ICAR-NIHSAD successfully conveyed the values of unity, dedication, and national pride. Through the pledge, the enlightening lecture, the motivational film, and the spirited Unity Run, the program paid a heartfelt tribute to *Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel*’s vision of a united India and reinforced the institute’s commitment to the ideals of “*Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat*.”



